

**Task 7: Powerplant Inflight Restarting**

Review FAR 25.903(e) and corresponding JAR requirement related to inflight restarting and generate an amended harmonized requirement that provides a minimum engine restart capability within the airplane operating envelope following loss of all engine thrust. In addition, provide harmonized advisory material that defines the acceptable methods of compliance to the amended regulations. Both of these tasks should take into account and address:

1. Review of the service history.
2. Review of inherent starting capability of the engines at the time the original 25.903(e) rule was promulgated.
3. Alternative design means for restarting main engines.

The FAA expects ARAC to submit its recommendation(s) resulting from this task by July 31, 2001.

The FAA requests that ARAC draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and any other related guidance material or collateral documents to support its recommendations. If the resulting recommendation(s) are one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

**Working Group Activity**

The Powerplant Installation Harmonization Working Group is expected to comply with the procedures adopted by ARAC. As part of the procedures, the working group is expected to:

1. Recommend a work plan for completion of the tasks, including the rationale supporting such a plan, for consideration at the meeting of ARAC to consider transport airplane and engine issues held following publication of this notice.
2. Give a detailed conceptual presentation of the proposed recommendations, prior to proceeding with the work stated in item 3 below.
3. Draft appropriate regulatory documents with supporting economic and other required analyses, and/or any other related guidance material or collateral documents the working group determines to be appropriate; or, if new or revised requirements or compliance methods are not recommended, a draft report stating the rationale for not making such recommendations. If the resulting recommendation is one or more notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published by the FAA, the FAA may ask ARAC to recommend

disposition of any substantive comments the FAA receives.

4. Provide a status report at each meeting of ARAC held to consider transport airplane and engine issues.

The Secretary of Transportation has determined that the formation and use of ARAC are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the FAA by law.

Meetings of ARAC will be open to the public. Meetings of the Powerplant Installation Harmonization Working Group will not be open to the public, except to the extent that individuals with an interest and expertise are selected to participate. No public announcement of working group meetings will be made.

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**Joseph A. Hawkins,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 22, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Bessie Coleman Conference Room, Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters building at 800 Independence Avenue SW, in Washington, DC. This will be the twenty-eighth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The agenda for the meeting will include reports from the COMSTAC Working Groups; a legislative update on Congressional activities involving commercial space transportation; an activities report from FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (formerly the Office of Commercial Space Transportation [60 FR 62762, December 7, 1995]); and a special presentation on state government support of commercial

space launch activities by commercial spaceport operators. The meeting is open to the public; however, space is limited.

Meetings of the Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support Working Groups will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 1998. For specific information concerning the times and locations of these meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brenda Parker (AST-200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW, Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8308.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

**Patricia G. Smith,**

*Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs Administration****Office of Hazardous Materials Safety; Notice of Delays in Processing of Exemption Applications**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** List of Applications delayed more than 180 days.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of 49 U.S.C. 5117(c), RSPA is publishing the following list of exemption applications that have been in process for 180 days or more. The reason(s) for delay and the expected completion date for action on each application is provided in association with each identified application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

J. Suzanne Hedgepeth, Director, Office of Hazardous Materials, Exemptions and Approvals, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4535.

**Key to "Reasons for Delay"**

1. Awaiting additional information from applicant.